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This is not a settlement. Microsoft has shown clearly that they are predatory, that they will not honor the rules, and can not be trusted. Witness after witness from Microsoft found themselves caught in flat out lies about events, strategies, and conversations.

The states have rejected the "settlement" for what it is--more worthless than the 1995 agreement which Microsoft ignored. This new "Settlement" does not resolve anything--and, with what we have seen with the release of XP, Microsoft continues to force it's predatory behaviors into new areas of the industry with arrogance and nose thumbing at the rest of us and the government.

While I am disappointed in Judge Jackson's behavior, I found his rulings to be accurate. The DOJ did a masterful job of proving Microsoft's predatory behavior AND their violation of the 1995 agreement. Now, the DOJ is throwing in the towel--even though Bill is sitting on the mat with a bloody nose.

Why should Microsoft be any different than the rest of us? If I chose to make a legal agreement, then break it, I would be fined for breaking that agreement.

WHERE IS THE FINE FOR MICROSOFT???!!

DO NOT ALLOW MICROSOFT TO GET AWAY WITH THIS!

It will only be tougher the next time, and there will be a next time unless the fine is severe enough. Frankly, based on their record, I bet there will be a next time regardless.

Regards,

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Do not look back in anger, or forward in fear, but around in awareness.
-- James Thurber